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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Donald Sharon, DOB 07/14/1947, of Conover, Wisconsin, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to four months in prison, followed by a one-year term of supervised release, for knowingly failing to make appropriate entries, required of federal firearms licensees, in the business records of "The Shop," in Eagle River, Wisconsin. Sharon pleaded guilty to this charge on February 14, 2006.

On May 6, 2005, agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and officers with the Eagle River Police Department, executed a federal search warrant at The Shop. Evidence recovered during the warrant revealed that Sharon, a federally licensed firearms dealer, failed to record his acquisition of approximately 145 firearms, as required by federal law. Prior to May 6, Sharon had received several warnings from ATF's regulatory division about his record keeping violations. Sharon's federal firearms license was subsequently revoked.

The charges against Sharon were the result of an investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Eagle River Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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